PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 840

HOUSE BILL NO. 3378

By Representatives Odom, Fincher, Maggart, Lynn, Mike Turner, Sontany, Ferguson, Moore, Pitts, Bibb, Cooper, Todd, Curt Cobb, Coleman, Lois DeBerry, Fitzhugh, Brown, DuBois, Bone, Shaw, Favors, Dunn, Casada, Fraley, Ulysses Jones, Eldridge, Towns, Winningham, Lollar

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3605

By Senator Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to nursing homes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-207, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(f) After determinations of violations have been made that are subsequent to any complaint investigation survey that could reasonably lead to a suspension or revocation of the license of a nursing home or the loss of federal funds relating to any agreement to furnish services by a nursing home under Title XVIII (42 U.S.C. § 1395 et seq.) or XIX (42 U.S.C. § 1396 et seq.) of the Social Security Act, and unless the immediate protection of the health and safety of residents of a nursing home requires otherwise, the department shall seek to provide, if practicable, a period of up to thirty (30) days for further fact finding relative to violations and their correction before any findings that would require the suspension or revocation of license or the loss of federal funds.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 21, 2008

MMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

> RON BAMSEY, SPEAKER SENATE OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 30th day of April 2008

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR